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The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
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Dear Mr. President:

Over the last two weeks, large portions of Missouri have experienced record flooding and my constituents are suffering. You have received a letter from Governor Nixon requesting major disaster assistance. I strongly support this request, and I ask for your swift response.

Our first responders and citizens are working around the clock to assess the full effect of this massive storm, tornadoes, and flooding. Hundreds of my constituents have fled their homes, schools and businesses in search of dry land. With the continuing rainfall throughout my district, the floodwaters continue to rise. In the last two weeks, Missouri's Department of Transportation reported 440 flood-related road closures. The Governor is requesting Individual Assistance for 29 counties and Public Assistance for 38 counties. This historic flooding throughout my district will felt by generations of farmers, families and businesses.

On behalf of my constituents, I ask that prompt attention and resources be provided to Missouri while we rebuild from this massive disaster.

Sincerely,



JO ANN EMERSON  
Member of Congress